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*After a thorough and careful study of the item submitted to me for authentication as EGYPT, 1874 (Oct.), 5 PIASTRE GREEN, upright watermark (Zeheri type III), WITH COMPOUND PERFORATION OF  $12\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{3}$ , used, Zeheri #20gg, S.G. #41a, Scott #25d, of which an exact-size, color photograph is affixed, I hereby certify it to be.....*

GENUINE IN ALL RESPECTS

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*This stamp, with spectacularly jumbo left-hand and right-hand margins, is completely sound, but for a subtle, neatly pressed-out, diagonal crease, which is invisible from the front. It is an unusually attractive example of what is the second rarest adhesive of Egypt's third issue, and is clearly distinguishable as being from an 1874 printing (the early, non-oily print) by the following characteristics: its upper frameline is thin and mostly solid; there is a colored break in the thin, white line beneath the northwest figure "5"; the northeast corner of the thin, inner frameline is pushed inward toward the figure "5"; the perforations are extremely rough; its paper is thinner, but more coarsely wove than that used for the 1872 printings. It is cancelled by an indistinct "POSTE EGIZIANE" circular datestamp of CAIRO (Egypt Study Circle type V). CFH*



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